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Title

: FAMILY OF MAMMALIAN

: POTASSIUM CHANNELS, THEIR

: CLONING AND THEIR USE,

: ESPECIALLY FOR THE

: SCREENING OF DRUGS

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CLAIM OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, hereby respectfully claim a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extending the time for Response to the outstanding Official Action dated September 24, 2001 from December 24, 2001 to March 24, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$920.00 is being submitted herewith pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b).

Confirmation of the foregoing Extension of Time is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3405. A duplicate copy of this claim is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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